

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraphs after the after the title:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is the U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/003492, filed August 13, 2004 (published in English under PCT Article 21(2)), which in turn claims the benefit of Great Britain Application No. 0328690.3, filed December 10, 2003 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/554,990, filed March 19, 2004.

FIELD--

Please add the following new paragraph after the after the paragraph ending at line 6 on page 1:

--BACKGROUND--

Please add the following new paragraph after the after the paragraph ending at line 14 on page 2:

--SUMMARY--

Please add the following new paragraph after the after the paragraph ending at line 31 on page 23:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at line 1, page 24, with the following re-written paragraphs:

--Figure 1a is the amino acid sequence of iASPP C6 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1), amino acid sequence underlined is identical to iASPP; Figure 1b is the nucleic acid sequence of iASPP6C (SEQ ID NO: 2);

Figure 2a is the amino acid sequence of iASPP (SEQ ID NO: 3); Figure 2b is the nucleic acid sequence of iASPP (SEQ ID NO: 4);

Figure 3 is a sequence alignment of full length iASPP6C (SEQ ID NO: 1 and 2) and iASPP (SEQ ID NO: 3 and 4);--

Please add the following new paragraph after the after the paragraph ending at line 5 on page 26:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 3, page 27, with the following re-written paragraph:

--Anti-iASPP6C antibodies pAb18 (rabbit polyclonal) and SA4.1 (mouse monoclonal) were raised against the peptide RLQPALPPEAQSVPELEE (amino acids 492 to 509 of iASPP6C; SEQ ID NO: 7). Anti iASPP6C mouse monoclonal antibody LX049.3 was raised against a C-terminal His-tagged fusion protein containing amino acids 459 to 639 of iASPP6C. The corresponding cDNA was amplified by PCR and subcloned into pCRT7/CTTOPO (Invitrogen). The recombinant iASPP6C fragment was generated in BL21 Star *E. coli* (Invitrogen) by incubation with 1mM IPTG for 4h followed by purification under denaturing conditions.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8, page 278, with the following re-written paragraph:

-- Oligonucleotides containing 19 bases of sequence present in both iASPP6C and iASPP cDNAs were ligated into the pSuper expression plasmid as described previously (Brummelkamp et al., 2002). The plasmids were verified by sequencing. The complete sequences of the

oligonucleotides used to generate the siRNA are as follows with the cDNA sequences shown in upper case:

sense,

5'gatccccTGTCAACTCCCCGACAGCttcaagagaGCTGTCGGGGAGTTGACAttttgaaa 3'
(SEQ ID NO: 5);

antisense,

5'agctttccaaaaaTGTCAACTCCCCGACAGCtctctgaaGCTGTCGGGGAGTTGACAggg 3'
(SEQ ID NO: 6).--

Please insert the Abstract, submitted herewith on a separate page, as page 38 at the end of the application.

Please include the enclosed sequence listing (10 pages) at the end of the application.